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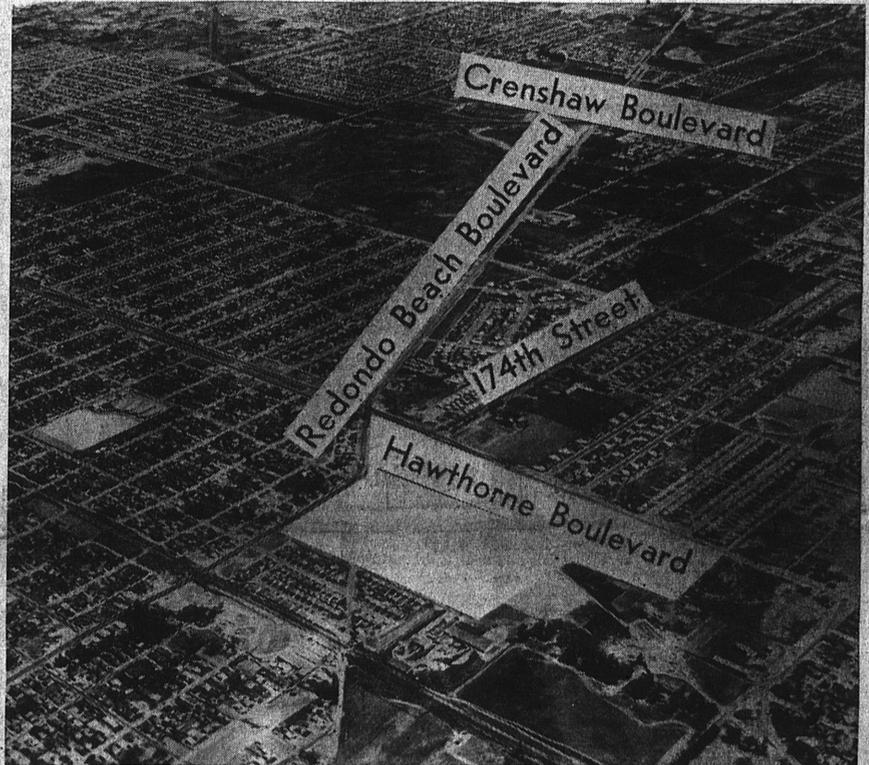
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**FIRST CANDIDATE . . .** First to sign up with the Chamber of Commerce for the annual "Miss Torrance" contest Friday was 16-year-old Ella Mae McLeod, a Torrance High School junior. Here she hands her application to W. E. Bowen, president of the sponsoring Torrance Area Youth Bands, Inc. Ella Mae will be sponsored by Paul Diamond of the Gay Shop.

### Youth, 7, Drowns In Crowd of 500 At Alondra Pool

Graveside funeral services were held yesterday at Holy Cross Cemetery for a 7-year-old Redondo Beach boy who drowned in Alondra Park swimming pool Thursday while 500 other boys and girls swam and splashed—oblivious to the boy's danger. The boy, Joseph Guerrero, was recovered from the water three and a half feet deep, and an hour long resuscitation effort proved to no avail. The boy's body was discovered when a youngster told Life Guard Ralph Weyland that "somebody's lying on the bottom of the pool." Young Guerrero went to the pool with two older brothers, and was swimming apart from them when the accident occurred. None of the many children swimming in the pool at the time noticed that he was in trouble. It was the first drowning in the three-year history of the Alondra Park pool.



**NEW SHOPPING CENTER SITE . . .** Site of a proposed shopping center which its backers say will be the biggest west of New York, is shown here in this aerial photo of North Torrance and surrounding areas. Construction on the first units of the huge center are slated to begin immediately.

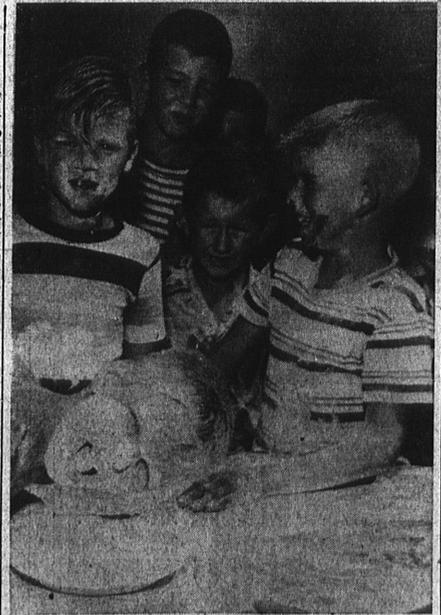
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### 40% of Camper Funds In; Need 60% In Gifts

Camper funds to enable several hundred underprivileged boys and girls to enjoy a week at the Salvation Army's Camp—Mt. Crags in the Malibu mountains—were reported 40 per cent subscribed this week by Lt. Col. George W. Johnstone, Southern California divisional commander. "We are going ahead on faith that the remaining 60 per cent will be sent in by volunteer donors, and we're arranging for the kids to go to camp," Johnstone said. Many of the 2000 boys and girls who will enjoy a week at the camp this summer are unable to pay anything toward the modest \$18 weekly fee, Johnstone said.

### Boys Beaten For Laughing

Five boys with no sense of humor were being sought by police today after they beat up two other youths who laughed at their joke. Tom Shull, 18, of Manhattan Beach, and a friend, Bob Roach, 19, told police they were loafing on Torrance Beach Friday afternoon when they noticed a group of five larger boys, one of whom was engaged in pouring beer on another. When Shull and Roach laughed at the beer-pouring incident, the five boys took offense and one of them struck Shull on the jaw, knocking him out. Roach stepped up to defend his friend and received a blow in the eye, police were told. Later, officers searched the beach but could find no sign of the five thin-skinned antagonists.



**PIE EATERS . . .** Ronnie Lechtwitz comes up with the jawbreaker after qualifying for the finals in the pie-eating contest staged at McMaster Park by Director George Whiting. He competed with Ronnie Goble, Gary Henderson, and Charlie Jalo for the prize. Jalo was the first to finish his pie.

### Teachers, Teen Aged Cause Big Unemployed Hike

The influx of teen-agers out of high school and their teachers into the State of California Department of Employment during the last two weeks has caused an increase in the number of persons seeking work over last month, according to Winona Ellis, manager. In June, 474 people in Torrance were out of work and seeking employment. This month the number has jumped to 538. This number is broken down into 296 women and 292 men, 87 per cent of whom are veterans. The largest number of unemployed fall under the "Laborer" classification, which has 133 applicants; the next highest is "Semi-skilled," with 102.

### Chemical Plant Permits Issued

Carbon and Carbide Chemicals Co. started July off toward the million-dollar mark last Thursday by taking out building permits totaling \$765,800 for parts of the new plant at Hawthorne and Del Amo. Permits included one for a new laboratory costing \$101,400, a shop costing \$227,400, an office costing \$327,000, and a shipping building at \$110,000. Expected soon are permits for new construction at the General Petroleum refinery here, and several more large housing developments.

### Two Punks Heist Good Humor Man

A Good Humor man met an ill-fated pair here Thursday night and \$30 exchanged hands with the ice cream vendor coming out the loser. Thinking they wanted to order, Hans Wadholm, 28, of Long Beach, stopped his Good Humor truck along the 800 block on Maple Ave., shortly after 9 p.m. when two men drove up in a black Ford and halted him. But instead of buying ice cream, the two men threatened Wadholm with pistols and forced him to surrender about \$30 in cash. Police are still seeking the gun-wielding bandits.

### Brothers Hurt In PCH Crash

Two brothers bound for a day of fishing were treated for cuts and bruises at Harbor General Hospital yesterday morning after their auto was crashed by an out-of-control car on Pacific Coast Hwy. east of Crenshaw Blvd. Headed east were William and James Edmunds, of Los Angeles, with a boat trailer behind their car. Westbound Gerald D. Lillard, who gave his address as 2838 Pacific Coast Hwy., told officers that his brakes locked and swung him across the highway into the Edmunds auto. Both autos received extensive damage, according to Traffic Sergeant Bill Evans.

### City Valuation May Pass Over \$68 Million Mark

City Manager George Stevens' prediction that the city's assessed valuation would climb into the \$68,000,000 bracket this year was seconded this week by County Assessor John R. Quinn. In announcing preliminary assessed valuation figures for Los Angeles county, Quinn put Torrance down for an increase of \$6,763,880 over last year's record assessment of \$61,313,410. Quinn's preliminary figures would give Torrance a total taxable worth of \$68,067,290. Commenting on the assessor's tax estimate, City Manager Stevens said yesterday that he was "well pleased with Quinn's estimate." Torrance's new total of more than \$68,000,000 compares with slightly more than \$20,000,000 for Redondo Beach; \$10,387,430 for Hermosa Beach; \$6,693,990 for Palos Verdes Estates; and \$16,864,060 for Manhattan Beach. Assessor Quinn emphasized that the figures do not include public utility valuations nor deductions to be made by the Board of Supervisors at its current equalization hearings. County-wide, the assessed valuation reached \$6,098,451,050. This represents an increase of \$897,984,075. Final figures will not be available until after the middle of August.



**NEW LIONS PRESIDENT . . .** S. A. Dodge of Detroit, Mich., was unanimously elected president of the International Association of Lions Clubs in the groups' international convention in Chicago yesterday. Lion Dodge is a key member in the Detroit and a past president of that club. Attending the convention is L. Milton Isbell, immediate past president of the Torrance Lions Club.

### Hawthorne Ave. Site Purchased for Center

Establishment of what its backers predicted would be a \$60,000,000 retail commercial center at Hawthorne Blvd. and Redondo Beach Blvd. was disclosed Friday with the announcement that a large tract of land just across the street from Torrance had been purchased by a syndicate of local and eastern investors. Purchasers of the land included Investment Service, Inc., the Bartell Corp., and eastern financial interests. It was described by the buyers as the largest single tract of land destined exclusively for a shopping center in the history of Los Angeles County. What retail firms may be established there was not disclosed by officials of the buying syndicate, but it was indicated that large department stores, supermarkets, and chain store branches were expected to build in the new tract. The huge commercial tract is bounded on the north by Redondo Beach Blvd., on the east by Hawthorne Blvd., and on the west by Kingsdale Ave. Greatest attraction to the area is the convergence of two state highways, Hawthorne Ave. and 174th St., practically in the center of the district. The highways, now in the process of being widened into four-lane thoroughfares, will afford access to the center from all the beach cities, from Hawthorne and Lawndale to the north, Gardena to the east, and from the Greater Torrance area. "The purchasers said the proposed shopping center will be the largest of its kind west of New York. No price was disclosed on the transaction. The center is planned to serve a seven and one-half mile radius encompassing a present population of 843,000. Construction on the first units of the center is expected and the weatherman says there will be "more of the same" to and the first units should be day.

### 2 New School Projects Due At Walteria

Thirteen classrooms in two separate projects expected to relieve overcrowding at Walteria Elementary School are now on the drawing boards, Torrance Board of Education officials revealed this week. Under design are a four-classroom addition to the school and the nine-classroom Hillside School. The latter will be located on a site south of Pacific Coast Hwy. at Crenshaw Blvd. The extra room will eliminate the double class sessions made necessary by the recent home construction boom in the area, officials believe. It is hoped that the two projects may be ready to be put out for bid by autumn.

**WEATHER**  
The temperature rose to 90 degrees in Torrance yesterday and the weatherman says there will be "more of the same" to